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*THE NECESSITY OF ATHEISM
FOR HUMAN FLOURISHING
Why Atheism Makes Sense
In The Contemporary World*

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The Anthropos in the Anthropocene: Reason, Autonomy, and Power

HOMO DEUS

in the age of the homo deus,
what is the value of the gods of faith?

The gods were the
children of ignorance
and need

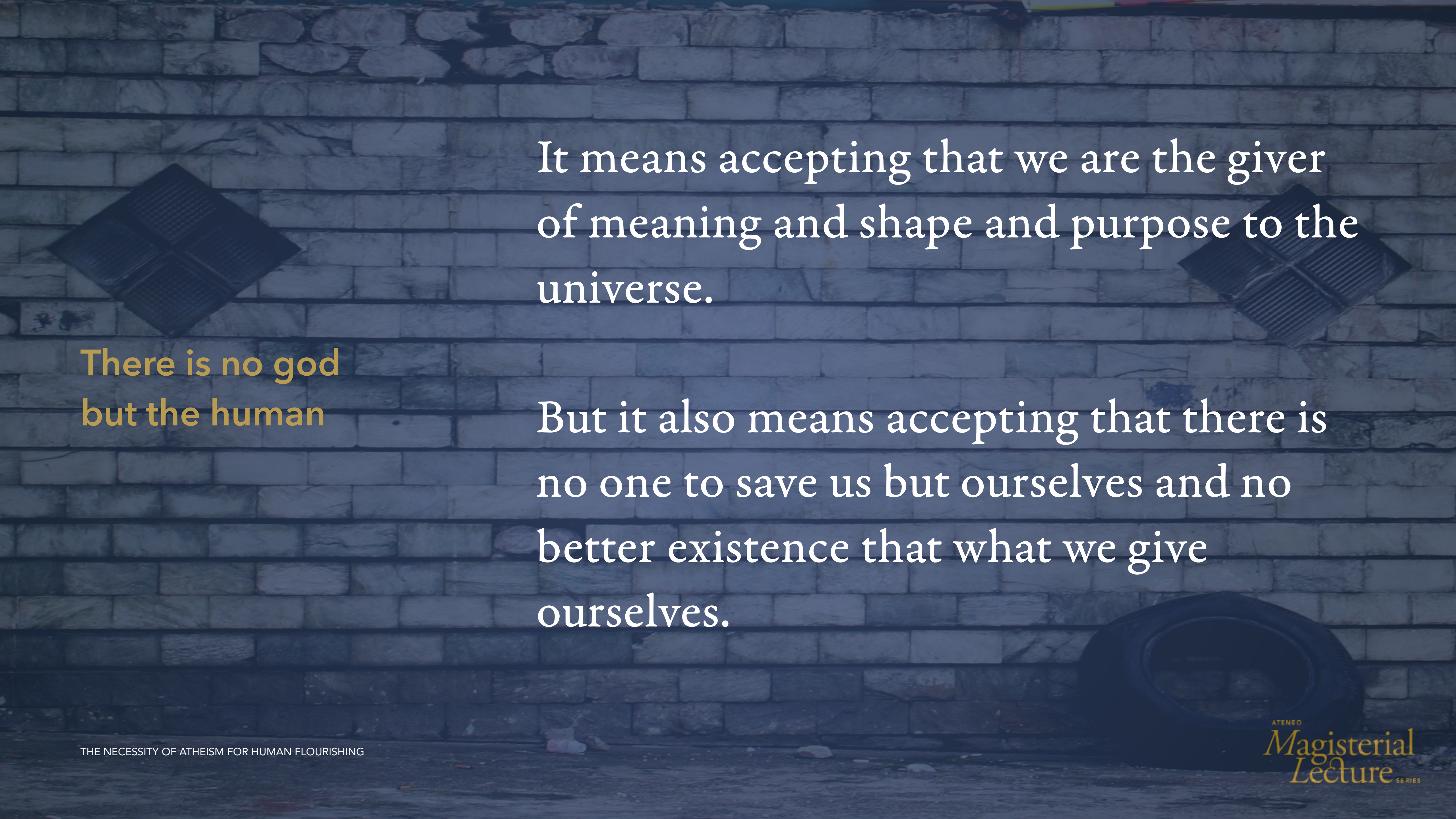
We have dissected the workings of the
universe, and comprehended the
workings of its machineries.

We no longer need God or the gods.

EMBRACING THE ABSURDITY



We have discovered that we are free and autonomous beings, and our human flourishing is dependent on our embracing the absurdity of that



It means accepting that we are the giver
of meaning and shape and purpose to the
universe.

There is no god
but the human

But it also means accepting that there is
no one to save us but ourselves and no
better existence than what we give
ourselves.



So it seems that atheism is the most reasonable position for a contemporary person if we want to realize our human flourishing.

Faith in gods is a counter evolutionary or developmental position.

And yet, the world is
filled with people of
faith

Atheism is a worthy critique of faith
which opens a way for homo deus to
move forward.

But we must also be critical of it because
it is rooted in a very particular
conception of humanity and human
flourishing.